

HEINZ KETCHUP

Princeton, Gibson, IN
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Site Location and Description

The site is 4.98 acres in size and located on the south side of the City of Princeton at 110 Garfield Street. Baldwin High School is located southwest of the site and residential areas are located on the north and south sides of the site.

Zip Code: 47670

Site Uses and Past Activities

The property originally housed a sawmill and lumber yard between 1895 and 1920. Heinz Ketchup purchased the property in 1920 and developed a pickle and tomato factory until 1942. It was then used for the manufacture of paintbrushes by two different companies until 1974. The site was under bank ownership from 1974 to 1982 when it was sold to a candle production company. In 1986, it was purchased by the current owners who also manufactured candles at the site. A massive fire in 1993 destroyed all but the water tower, smokestack and its attached building. The facility has been unused since the fire.

Contaminants and Impacts

Low to moderate levels of contamination were detected at the site. Tetrachloroethylene and trichloroethylene were detected in levels exceeding the maximum contaminant level (MCL) in three groundwater samples and total petroleum hydrocarbons were detected in levels exceeding the Underground Storage Tank (UST) guidance in one surface soil sample.

Lead Agency

IDEM and in conjunction with the Indiana Development Finance Authority.

Community Concerns

With the construction of the new Toyota manufacturing facility support industries are needed. This site would be ideal for the development of these industries. Once the environmental issues are identified and resolved, the old Princeton Industries site will be redeveloped into a truck servicing (washing, maintenance, etc.) facility. This will address the need anticipated by the significant increase in tractor-trailer traffic expected in the area as a result of the recently constructed Toyota facility. The location of such a facility on the



south side of the City of Princeton will allow easy access to U.S. Highway 41, while at the same time minimize potential traffic congestion.

Actions Taken

A Brownfields Site Assessment Grant was awarded to the City of Princeton by the Indiana Development Finance Authority in June 1998. The awarded funding addressed environmental conditions at the site and potential liabilities. A Phase I was submitted to IDEM by the consultant in October 1998 and a Phase II was submitted in January 1999. IDEM staff reviewed the Phase I and Phase II assessment documents submitted to the State. A comment letter was issued on October 20, 1999 to the City of Princeton detailing the results of the investigation.

Current Status**Future Actions**

The State will discuss future steps as necessary to facilitate the City of Princeton's redevelopment efforts.

Cost Estimates

Amount of grant awarded: \$19,330.00

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